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Docket No.: 12013/56004
Response to Election Restriction Requirement

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/656,218 Confirmation No. 1060
Applicant : Ernst Peter Strecker
Title : ENDOPROSTHESIS THAT CAN BE
PERCUTANEOUSLY IMPLANTED IN THE PATIENT'S BODY
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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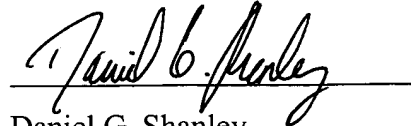
In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement mailed October 20, 2006, Applicant hereby elects the species identified as Species II. The claims within the elected species that read on Species II are claims 33-36 and 38-51. Claims 38-51 are generic. This election is without prejudice to or disclaimer of the non-elected claims. Applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional application(s) directed to the non-elected subject matter in accordance with the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 121.

Should there be any questions concerning this matter, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned attorney.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments which may be incurred in connection with this paper under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: November 16, 2006

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